

In the Claims

Please add new Claim 37.

37. (New) A kit for detecting the presence of immunoglobulin reactive with a platelet factor 4/heparin/thrombospondin-1 antigen complex, comprising:
- a solid phase support material on which a platelet factor 4/heparin/thrombospondin-1 ternary complex has been immobilized;
  - a wash medium formulated to reduce nonspecific binding;
  - at least one anti-human immunoglobulin reactive reagent detectably labeled with a reporter molecule, and having a specificity for at least one isotype of human immunoglobulin;
  - a standardized positive control comprising known amounts of ternary complex reactive antibody;
  - a negative control sample; and
  - a diluent reagent.

REMARKS

Claim 37 has been added. Support for Claim 37 can be seen on page 23, lines 3-20, and in Claim 36. It can be seen from page 23, lines 3-20 that the alternative kit embodiment comprises a solid phase support material to which the platelet factor 4/heparin/thrombospondin-1 ternary complex has been immobilized, and that separate components of buffered medium comprising platelet factor 4, heparin or thrombospondin-1 are unnecessary.